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SALT

SUBJECT: LOCALE FOR PHASE II OF SALT

REF: A. HELSINKI 1240

B. STATE 145580

1. CONVERSATION BETWEEN ACDA DEPUTY DIRECTOR FARLEY AND VORONTSOV OF SOVIET EMBASSY REVEAL THAT SOVIETS STILL NOT READY TO PROCEED WITH NOTIFYING FINNS AND AUSTRIANS RE LOCALE FOR PHASE II OF SALT. IN VIEW OF IMPORTANCE OF PROCEEDING IN CONCERT WITH SOVIETS RE PARALLEL APPROAHESES TO FINNS AND AUSTRIANS (NOTED IN REFTEL A), WE HAVE AGREED TO DEFER ACTION UNTIL MONDAY AUGUST 14TH. IT WAS MADE CLEAR TO VORONTSOV THAT IT WOULD BE NECESSARY TO MOVE ON MONDAY. PRESS RELEASE WOULD FOLLOW INFORMING FINNISH AND AUSTRIAN EMBASSIES BY SEVERAL HOURS OR A DAY DEPENDING UPON THEIR WISHES AND THE NATURE OF POSSIBLE FURTHER PRESS LEAKS IN THE INTERIM.

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